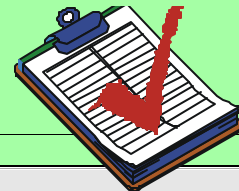


CHS CHECKUP



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NEWS BRIEFS

TROOP SUPPORT

Several hundred staff members of Western State Hospital, Western State Nursing Facility, and Volta in Hopkinsville, along with other friends, joined together to show support for our troops during "Operation Victory" on April 4.

The citywide event was sponsored by the Pennyrile Industrial Managers Association, Military Affairs Committee, and Economic Development Council of the Chamber of Commerce.

Western State Hospital observed the event by rallying around the flagpole in front of the hospital's main entrance. Steve Wiggins, Facility Director, led the several hundred staff members in the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence and reflection, along with the playing of several patriotic tunes. The ceremony concluded with "God Bless America."



TIP OF THE WEEK


With summer near, many people start thinking about getting a tan. But the CDC warns that skin cancer cases are increasing and says more than 330,000 cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed this year. The CDC suggests protecting yourself from the sun's ultraviolet rays. For more information, see the CDC web site on skin cancer. <http://www.cdc.gov/chooseyourcover/skin.htm>.

May Is Mental Health Month; Western State Sponsors Play

In recognition of Mental Health Month in May, Western State Hospital, the Pennyroyal Mental Health Center, and other mental health providers in western Kentucky, have joined efforts to sponsor a play about mental illness.

"*Psychobabblish*," a one-man play from the viewpoint of someone who has experienced a mental illness, was written by David Block, along with Alec Volz, director of the Walden Theatre of Louisville and is performed by actor, Clint Gill. The play will be

presented on Monday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alhambra Theatre in downtown Hopkinsville.

"Psychobabblish" recounts Block's bouts with homelessness, loneliness, and mental health treatment. Block says he wrote the play to give others a sense of the agony that mentally ill people suffer. He also hopes the play will reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and give people hope that they can overcome a diagnosis like his own. 

Mammograms Scheduled For Health Fair: Registration Required


The Office of Women's Physical and Mental Health is looking for more women to sign up for mammograms as part of the May 14 Health Fair.

The University of Louisville Mobile Mammography Unit is scheduled to be outside of the Health Services Building on the Main Street side. In order for this event to take place, 25 to 30 participants are needed.

If you want to sign up or have any questions, contact Jane Corder

at 502/564-9358 or Jane.Corder@mail.state.ky.us.

Reservations are needed by May 8 to guarantee the mobile unit will be here.

The health fair is part of Women's Health Awareness Month and will include a yoga presentation, five-minute head/neck massages, and various screenings, information about heart disease and door prize drawings. 

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Graham Receives Recognition

Joan Graham, manager of the Central Contracts & Procurement Branch in the Division for Policy and Financial Management, received a Certificate of Recognition for her personal and professional contributions to the Kentucky Public Procurement Association (KPPA) Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP). This recognition comes from the NIGP director of chapter development and support. Joan served as president of KPPA last year and is serving in the same capacity this year.



Joan Graham, manager of the Central Contracts & Procurement Branch in the Division for Policy and Financial Management



Dr. Rice Leach walks with other CHS staff during the "Walk Across Kentucky" kickoff on April 28. The walk is part of the Employee Worksite Wellness Program to encourage people to walk. Teams are being formed to collect miles and each team will be charted on a map of the state. For more information, contact Jennye Grider at 564-7996.

HIPAA HOOPS



HIPAA is an acronym used to reference the "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

Test your HIPAA knowledge...

There is a Cabinet for Health Services HIPAA complaint reporting process. It is set up on the CHS Intranet at <http://chsnet/>. Go to the New CHS HIPAA Website. At the bottom of the page click REPORTING VIOLATIONS and follow the prompts. The goal will be to receive, process and bring resolution to legitimate complaints in a timely manner. Those that can't be resolved internally will be forwarded to the Office of Civil Rights for appropriate action.

Congress provided civil and criminal penalties for covered entities that misuse personal health information. For civil violations of the standards, OCR may impose monetary penalties up to \$100 per violation, up to \$25,000 per year, for each requirement or prohibition violated. Criminal penalties apply for certain actions such as knowingly obtaining protected health information in violation of the law. Criminal penalties can range up to \$50,000 and one year in prison for certain offenses; up to \$100,000 and up to five years in prison if the offenses are committed under "false pretenses"; and up to \$250,000 and up to 10 years in prison if the offenses are committed with the intent to sell, transfer or use protected health information for commercial advantage, personal gain or malicious harm. As you can see HIPAA privacy compliance is very serious and should be taken seriously by all.



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